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MEMORANDUM

November 12, 1968

TO : H - Files

FROM : H - Alexander Schnee

SUBJECT: Review of State Department Classified Documents
by Third Agency

On October 31 Paul Stavrou, Assistant to the Administrative Officer, EXIM Bank wrote Mr. Macomber transmitting a list of classified material which had originated in the State Department and which Mr. Norman Cornish, investigator with the House Government Operations Subcommittee, expressed an interest in reviewing. Mr. Stavrou requested that the State Department authorize Mr. Cornish to review the listed material. On November 4 Mr. Schnee informed Mr. Stavrou by phone that there was no objection to Mr. Cornish reviewing all the documents excepting A-720 dated March 24, 1965 from Djakarta which contained a section classified SECRET and which referred to [redacted]. Subsequently, and after discussions with Mr. Haddox (INR), and [redacted] it was agreed that Mr. Schnee would request the Bank to return document A-720 and to refrain from mentioning this document in any discussions with third parties except as authorized by the Department.

Mr. Schnee subsequently spoke to Mr. Middleton and Mrs. Pigman of the Bank. Mr. Middleton agreed to this procedure in general and in a more detailed discussion with Mrs. Pigman, she agreed that the document would be handcarried to the Department (received by Mr. Schnee today and sent to Mr. Haddox) and that if any question was raised concerning it, she would reply that at the Department's request that document had been returned to State.

Mr. Schnee covered this same ground in another telephone conversation with Paul Stavrou of the Bank.

H:ASchnee:bb

cc: O/SY - Mr. Gentile
INR/DDC - Mr. Trueheart
INR/CS - Mr. Haddox (with copy to
be transmitted to Mr. [redacted])
EA/IND - Mr. Masters
H - Mr. Leahy

H - Amb. Torbert

State Dept. review completed

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